

FORTSMOUTH LOCAL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

CHRONICLES OF INTEREST

Portsmouth, The Beautiful City By the Sea.

FOUND HERE AND THERE

The Latest Happenings in the City and County Presented in Concise Form for the Edification of Virginian-Pilot Readers Here and Elsewhere - Gossip From People Who Desire to Keep Posted.

The County Court. Hon. W. N. Portlock, Judge, presiding, adjourned yesterday for the term.

The Epworth Endeavor Society of the Park View Methodist Church will hold a "Conundrum Tea Party" at the residence of Mrs. M. S. Hart, corner of Webster avenue and A street, Thursday, March 30th.

Mr. John McCarris, who has been laid up from a painful injury to his arm, does not improve rapidly.

The colored man William Brown, who so far forgot himself as to interfere with County Officer James Hutchins in the discharge of his duty, was sentenced to the county jail for thirty days yesterday morning by Justice Alnsworth.

Rev. H. E. Martin will preach at Fourth Street Baptist Church to-night. Services will be held in the Sunday school room.

Miss Mamie Colby, of Richmond, who has been here for a week visiting friends, left for her home yesterday afternoon.

A little fox terrier killed thirteen big rats yesterday in a less number of minutes.

The street car people say that travel is increasing.

The general committee entrusted with the work of getting up a reception for the Old Dominion Guard on its return from Cuba will hold an important meeting at the Seaboard Armory to-night. Ex-members of the Guard are requested to attend.

Dr. J. C. Hebbett, U. S. N., who has been visiting here for several weeks, left last night via the Southern railway for San Francisco, from whence he will sail to Manila by Pacific mail steamer via Hong Kong.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the general committee on reception to the Old Dominion Guards have collected \$84, which will go toward defraying the expenses of the banquet.

Acting Carpenter McCall Pate, U. S. N., of the general storekeeper's department of the navy-yard, has been detached and ordered to the Prairie.

On Monday night a 3-year-old daughter of Amos Cummings, colored, was seriously burned by upsetting a boiling pot of coffee upon herself.

Two drunks found shelter from the storm last night at the station house.

The Hebrew Easter greeting sent to this office was much appreciated.

The South Street Baptist Y. P. U. held its regular monthly devotional meeting last night. It was a regular love feast.

A one-legged man, who has been sitting on the St. Elmo corner selling pencils, was ordered to leave the city yesterday. He would ask for help and, receiving it, spend the money for whiskey.

A white man was arrested yesterday afternoon for being drunk and disorderly on the street.

Attention is called to the advertisement of lost plans. Return as directed and receive a reward.

The New York Clothing Company asks if you want a nice, nobby suit of clothes, ready made or made to order. If you call on them and they will sell you lower than any house in the city. Their stock is new, stylish and up-to-date. They have a full line of furnishing goods.

We're having too much rain.—The earth is thoroughly saturated with water.

To-morrow will be Holy Thursday. The Catholic schools to-day give a holiday until Tuesday next.

Monumental Epworth sociable will take place Thursday night, instead of last night, as was expected.

Miss Gertrude Morrisette, of Philadelphia, is visiting the family of Mr. Moss Broughton, in Brighton.

Revival services at Central M. E. Church will be commenced next Sunday night.

Mr. Hugh Campbell, of Amherst county, met many friends in this city yesterday.

Rev. W. C. Vaden will preach in the Port Norfolk Methodist Church this evening at 8 o'clock.

Ten cents a week, delivered at your door early every morning, is all the Virginian-Pilot costs. See that your order is placed for it.

The progressive and prosperous merchant is the one who advertises his wares in a newspaper that reaches the greatest number of people. The Virginian-Pilot does that very thing in Portsmouth.

Justice George Alnsworth yesterday afternoon fined a county saloon-keeper \$100 for keeping his place of business open on Sunday.

Nine candidates presented themselves for the rank of Esquire at the meeting of Seaside Lodge, K. of P., last night.

Mr. Charles Gibbs, of the County Clerk's office, returned yesterday morning from a pleasant trip to Radford.

Mr. John W. Cox, of the Western Branch, has purchased the old Bilsby home, adjoining the court-house, on High street, for \$6,000, and will erect an elegant office building with fine stores on the ground floor.

The lightning last night disarranged the fire-alarm system, causing it to strike at intervals for a little while.

Officer Hoofnagle picked up an old colored woman on the street last night sick and in a helpless condition. He at once summoned a physician, who attended her.

At a meeting of the Independent Fire Company held last night it was decided to celebrate the anniversary on the 11th of May, with a parade and banquet at night.

Portsmouth Conclave, U. R. K. of P., will drill to-night.

Mr. W. C. Nash tells you not to miss his sale this week, or you will lose great bargains in all kinds and grades of goods.

The Fly Aways and the Night Owls played baseball yesterday, and for eight innings neither team scored, but in the

ninth the Owls batted out 37 runs, when darkness came on and closed the game. Mr. J. P. Carr advertises Easter dye in all shades for eggs. See "ad."

There will be a meeting of the Knights of the Mystic Chain to-night. Business of importance will be transacted.

BIG DAY FOR FINES.

Mayor Baird Puts the Law On Several Offenders.

A fair sized docket greeted 'Squire Baird's entrance to the Police Court yesterday morning. In fact for a Tuesday morning it was an unusually large docket. But little thing like that don't bother Portsmouth's Mayor, and he started in to hold up the majesty of the law with his usual calmness and serenity.

Officer Arthur Culpepper introduced John Younger, and the 'Squire bowed his acknowledgment of the acquaintance, and he straightway proceeded to cement the bond of friendship by requiring Younger to leave with him \$2.25, and all that just for a simple drunk, without the least pretensions to frills.

Three boys, Lem Corey, James Wallace and John Avis, all colored, were accused of parolinging \$14 worth of horse from Mr. W. D. Carlisle, and upon that accusation were introduced to the 'Squire by Officer John McCarris. The 'Squire didn't seem to feel so proud of an acquaintance with these chaps. But he was careful to make minute inquiries as to how they came in possession of the brass. He was satisfied with the nice little "Jolly" John Avis gave him and released him. But to the two others he felt very much drawn and decided to keep each near him for the next six months.

Exeter Brown, Robert Cornice, Joseph Godfrey and two others did not behave properly, losing respect for themselves and everyone else, hence the 'Squire thought they should be made to bear a portion of the burden entailed upon the people of the city generally, on account of having to keep a police force for such people, and imposed a fine of \$10 each.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

Paymaster T. S. Jewett has been detached from the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts and placed on waiting orders.

Lieutenant Commander C. E. Colahan, detached from the Chicago and ordered home.

Lieutenant Commander U. R. Harris, detached from the Boston navy yard and ordered to the Chicago.

Lieutenant Commander E. I. Armory, retired, leave extended three months, with permission to go abroad.

Lieutenant Commander R. G. Davenport, ordered to the hydrographic office.

Ensign F. B. Sullivan, when discharged from treatment at the Chelsea Hospital, granted three months' leave.

Lieutenant Commander R. T. Jasper, when detached from further treatment at Portsmouth, Va., ordered home with three months' sick leave.

Commanders for the twin battleships Keats and Kentucky, now building at Newport News, have been selected by the Navy Department and ordered to duty as superintendent of their equipment and preparation. These vessels will be the most formidable battleships in service when they are put in commission, in the early autumn, unequalled in this country and having few superiors among the navies of Europe.

Both are peculiar in the arrangement of their batteries, and are unlike other battleships here or abroad in that the turrets are of the superposed type, the four 8-inch guns being installed above the heavy 12-inch guns in turrets fore and aft. It has been questioned whether so great a departure in battery arrangement should be attempted, and much interest is manifested in the results of the experiment.

The Keats' commander is to be Captain Wm. M. Felger, former head of the Naval Ordnance Bureau and commander of the New Orleans during the war with Spain. Capt. Chester will command the Kentucky.

DROWNED MAN FOUND.

Yesterday afternoon a little after 4 o'clock the body of a colored man was found floating in the slip at the extreme north end of Water street.

Mr. Thomas Douglas, a deck hand on the barge Pamlico, saw the body when it came to the surface and, catching it with a beam hook, managed to secure it with a rope after which he notified High Constable Anderson.

This body was seen several days ago for a moment, having been brought to the surface by one of the big steam boats. But before it could be secured it sank. It had evidently been in the water several weeks and was beyond recognition. The man was of large form, had on a heavy black overcoat, with side pockets and it was buttoned up close to the chin, with collar upturned. His feet were encased in heavy boots. Any people viewed the gruesome sight, but no one was able to identify the body, and it will be interred at the expense of the city.

OLD FOLKS' ENTERTAINMENT.

The "Old Folks' Concert at Wright Memorial Sunday-school room to-morrow (Thursday) night promises to be an attractive occasion.

The following characters are to take part:

"Aunt Dinah"—Mrs. Geo. S. Hutchins.

"Jerusha Cooper"—Mrs. J. T. Ethredge.

"Lovejoy Green"—Miss Lella Scott.

"Samantha Renner"—Miss Hazel Pabis.

"Obojovful Single Sister"—Miss Myrtle Pabis.

"Aunt Deborah"—Miss Linda Young.

"Mentabel King"—Mr. Terry Gordon.

"Beauty Bell"—Miss Fannie Brown.

"Aramantha Bledsoe"—Miss Christine Riddick.

"Arabella Patis"—Miss Flo Martin.

"Sophia Jefferson"—Mrs. W. H. Dashiell.

"Melchisedec Cain"—Mrs. Jas. Duncan.

"Mildy Tecumseh"—Miss Lee Welleser.

THE STOLEN WAGON.

Two young colored boys, James Montgomery and William Ballard, last Thursday saw a wagon standing in front of the field to see that no one was looking, hitched themselves up to the vehicle and drew it away with them.

The wagon belonged to J. H. Finch, who at once called in the assistance of the county constables at Justice Alnsworth's office, and yesterday Officer Jimmy Hutchins found the wagon in Montgomery's yard.

Justice Alnsworth arraigned the boys in his court yesterday morning, and the evidence being conclusive, he sent them to the county jail to serve a period of thirty days each.

Boys' Blue and Mixed Colored 25c. Eton Caps will be sold for 17c. this week at Charles R. Walton & Co's.

SECRETARY JOHN D. LONG HERE

He is Received With the Honors of His Station.

HE PRAISES THIS YARD

Commandant Farquhar and Staff in Full Uniform Receive the Distinguished Party, While the Post Band Plays Appropriate Airs and Marine Battalion Presents Arms - Visits Shops and Ships.

The U. S. dispatch boat Dolphin arrived here shortly before noon yesterday, having on board Secretary of the Navy John D. Long, Mrs. Long and Miss Long.

As the little craft rounded the North street wharf and pointed her prow toward the yard, a salute of seventeen guns was fired from the shore battery at St. Helena greeted her. On their arrival at the yard the distinguished party was received with the usual honors. The commandant and his staff in full dress uniform, with a battalion of marines, headed by the Post band, all drawn up in a line, presented a very brilliant and imposing spectacle.

The visitors were then escorted to the residence of Commandant Farquhar, where an informal lunch was served. In the meantime the soldiers and the musicians were dismissed.

After lunch the Secretary, accompanied by the commandant, Capt. McCalla and Navel Constructor Stahl, made an inspection of the yard, visiting the principal work shops and other points of interest. Leaving the shops with the busy hum of machinery, Mr. Long paid his respects to the various ships along the water front. Every thing seemed in the best of order. The working force appeared to be moving in perfect harmony, with nothing to hinder the work which was in progress. These things and many more which the Secretary saw while making the rounds were so highly gratifying that he took occasion to compliment Commandant Farquhar and Constructor Stahl for the able manner in which they were conducting the affairs at this yard.

A visit was next paid to the historic old ship Franklin, and at 4:30 o'clock the party boarded the light-house tender Jessamine and left the yard for a trip down the river.

The Dolphin while here will receive a new coat of paint and for that purpose was placed on the dock shortly after her arrival yesterday morning. Just how long she will remain here could not be definitely learned.

ELKS COMING GRAND LODGE.

Portsmouth Lodge No. 82, B. P. O. E. of this city, will have a large delegation at the Grand Lodge meeting, which takes place in St. Louis, June 20th.

The lodge has for excellence in particular directions, but the special prizes are what Portsmouth lodge is interested in, and may be she will enter candidates for several of them, which are as follows:

Special Prizes—\$250.

Tallest Elk in parade, \$50.

Shortest Elk in parade, \$50.

Heaviest Elk in parade, \$50.

Lightest Elk in parade, \$50.

Individual Elk coming longest distance by most direct route, \$50.

Colonel Charles E. Ware, of St. Louis Lodge, will offer as a special prize to the lodge displaying the handsomest banner at the round-up a beautiful hand-painted china loving cup, decorated with Elk emblems, worth \$100.

AN EASTER CONCERT.

Owen Memorial M. E. Sunday school, aided by the choir of that church, will, on next Tuesday night, in their lecture room, corner of Edinburg and Clark streets, render a beautiful program:

"From Cross to Crown," appropriate solos, duets and choruses, humming chorus, marching around the cross, and steps leading to the crown, making an interesting and instructive exercise. We have our annual Christmas tree and Easter choir anthems, but Owen Memorial Sunday school brings in something commemorative of Christ's resurrection.

"Ring, ring, ring, ye Easter bells! Gladness news your chiming tells; Hail, all hail, the glorious day! Christ is risen; the angels say!"

That Sunday school worker, Mr. Charles Sturtevant, has the management of this beautiful concert, and we know success will attend it.

CAROLINE DENNING BRUCE DEAD.

Yesterday evening at 6:45 o'clock at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bruce, at Port Norfolk, Caroline Denning Bruce departed this life after an illness of two weeks from pneumonia, in the 10th year of her age. She was a bright little lady and the bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

"There is no lock, however watched and tended, But one dead Lamb is there; There is no Residue, howsoever defended, But has one vacant chair."

PROPERTY CHANGES HANDS.

The following deeds of conveyance were admitted to record yesterday:

W. T. Sykes and wife to R. H. Barrett, lot with improvements southeast intersection of Dinwiddie and Hart streets; \$1,700.

John B. Robertson and wife to John C. Emmerson, lot on north side of Nelson street, ninety feet east of Fourth street; \$500.

Norman Cassell and wife to George G. Brooks, lot on south side of North street, 140 feet east of Hatton street; \$500.

THE MOTION WAS REFUSED.

Yesterday in the County Court Mr. E. R. Baird, Jr., representing the Tunis Lumber Company, asked Judge W. N. Portlock to annul an order entered ten years ago for the straightening of Liberty street in Berkeley, the company claiming the land in question. Mr. Geo. G. Martin appeared for Norfolk county and the town of Berkeley, and opposed the motion of Mr. Baird. Judge Portlock refused the motion, whereupon counsel of the lumber company took an appeal to the County Circuit Court.

FAREWELL, CUBA!

A Portsmouth Boy's Effusion While In Havana, Cuba.

We are going to Virginia, our home. After near a year of service the order has arrived that soon will doff the blue and mingle once more in the congenial society of the land of their nativity—States and statesmen. The sun shines brighter, boys; those tall palms are nodding in farewell; the stars are twinkling smiling their glee with ours; even the plumage of that fellow's parrot down the line gleams brighter than ever before. What merry music the band plays! How gracefully those colors float in the breeze! That officer isn't such a bad fellow, after all, is he?

How memories of home throng upon us, and how blessed is a memory of home.

"His liveliness increases; it will never pass into nothingness, but still will keep a power quiet for us, and a sleep Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing."

What if the transport is small—we are going home! What if the storms buffet us—we are going home! and the day draws nigh when our eyes shall behold Virginia's forest clad hills and we shall wander through her fertile vales. And when that day arrives no man shall too readily take on a bugle of brass to break our morning slumber; nor shall there be blown any "sumpy" as a forerunner of slumgullion, nor taps to save our Uncle's candles.

"And the night shall be filled with gladness, And the cares that upset the day, Shall fold up their tents like the Arabs, And as silently steal away."

R. C. B. [The above is taken from the Daily American of March 23d, which is published in Havana, and was written by a Portsmouth boy, a member of the Old Dominion Guard.]

RECOMMENDED FOR ENGINEER.

The Sewer Committee of the City Council held a meeting last night, and decided to recommend Mr. Samuel T. Montague, Councilman from the Fourth Ward, for election to the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. L. H. Davis, an engineer at the pump house. The recommendation will go to the Council for its action.

You know what that tired feeling is and you may know what will cure it by giving Hood's Sarsaparilla a fair trial.

WATCH THIS SPACE,

IT BELONGS TO A. J. PHILLIPS.

TO THE FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS OF THE WILSON DRUG STORE:

We have placed in charge of our store Dr. E. D. FISHER, who is a man of experience, and a full graduate of the Maryland College of Pharmacy, class of 1892. Registered in Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina.

We are adding to our stock of Drugs and Drug Sundries every day, and will do our best to supply the wants of our customers. Prescriptions carefully filled day or night. Dr. Fisher's rooms next door to the drug store, at Mrs. Spalding's. Our prices are as low as you can buy anywhere in the city. Orders left with Dr. Fisher will receive prompt attention. Goods delivered to any part of the city. Thanking you for your liberal patronage in the past, and soliciting a continuance of the same in the future, we remain, Yours respectfully,

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LOST.

A set of deeds for 2 lots situated in Newport News, Sunday, between Fifth street and North street. Name of owner Frank Vansant, on envelope. Return to M. J. HUGHES, 630 Nelson street, and receive liberal reward.

DIED.

CHERRY.—At Deep Creek Va., Sunday, March 26, 1899, ANNIE E., beloved daughter of Elias and Annie E. Cherry, aged 10 years and 9 months.

NEAT AND ATTRACTIVE.

This is what every one says who has visited Pearson's Dry Cleaning; it is the nearest place of the kind in the city. Call and be convinced.

H. O. PEARSON, Ferry Dairy, Lynch.

FOR RENT.

Three-story Warehouse, No. 610 Crawford street; excellent location for a grocery, notion, hardware or commission house; rent, \$25 per month.

JNO. L. WATSON, 209 High street, Portsmouth, Va.

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Do you want a nice up-to-date Suit of Clothes, either made to measure or ready-to-wear? If so, call and see our line of Suitings, then note prices, fit and finish, you can then be assured that we can give you more for your money than any house in the South.

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A complete stock of Boys' White Percalé and Silk Shirts, Boys' Shirt Waists and Blouses, Underwear and Stockings at moderate prices.

YOUR EASTER EGG,

of course, should be in all the colors of the rainbow. We have a large variety of Easter Egg Dyes with twelve colors to a package. Price 5c. per package.

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Fine Creamery Butter, 25c. Fine Fat-tine Corned Beef, 8c. Sliced Ham, 12c. Pears, 10c. per quart. Table Peaches, heavy syrup, 12 1/2c. per can. Bartlett Pears, 5-lb. cans, 10c. per can. California Prunes, 6c. per pound. Fine Layer Raisins, only 10c. per pound. Baked Beans, Tomato Sauce, 3-lb. cans, 6c. Our Special Early June Peas at 10c. is a special bargain. Fresh Sic-Nac, Oyster Crackers, Ginger Snaps and Soda crackers, 5c. per pound. Our Superior Flour makes the finest of bread.

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Both Phones. 802 Crawford street. de2-6m

Easter Sale of Dry Goods

Light Spring Goods reduced from 50c. and 75c. now to 25c.

25c. Goods now 12 1/2c. Beautiful Crepon from \$1.00 to \$2.50 per yard.

Plain and Fancy Taffeta Silks, 75c. and \$1.00 per yard.

Pk., white and colored, 12 1/2, 20, and 25c. yard.

T. O'CONNOR,

mh29-eod-1m 222 High Street.

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...ON... Good Friday

...AT... R. T. MULES,

mh28-4t 515 Crawford Street.

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